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Title : Methods, Functional data and Systems for Optimizing  
Product Factors

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

In response to the final Office Action of 05/04/2007, the time for response being extended by one (1) month, please consider this request for continued examination, amend the above-identified application as follows, and reconsider the application.

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*Amendments to the Claims* begin on page 2 of this paper.

*Remarks* begin on page 4 of this paper.